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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2009,  
please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and  
include one (1) new sheet of drawings.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the new drawing figure is attached  
following page 13 of this paper.